

PUBLIC LEDGER



THIRD YEAR.

MAYSVILLE, KY., THURSDAY, AUGUST 30, 1894.

ONE CENT.

WEEKLY REPORT.

The Condition of Kentucky's Crops Up to Tuesday.

The long and severe drought was broken in about all parts of the state during the latter part of the week. A few correspondents say that rain is still needed in their section, but the general tone of reports from over one hundred correspondents shows that sufficient rainfall has been received to effectually check the drought and give to renewed life to the suffering crops.

The temperature has ranged from four to eight degrees above normal, while about the usual amount of sun has been received. No storms of unusual severity were reported as having occurred during the week, except a rather late from the correspondence at Travelers Rest, which details a hail storm on the 19th, which is said to have utterly destroyed the crops in its path about a mile wide and from seven to ten million dollars.

Last year, tobacco, the grasses and gardens were ripening rapidly under the highly favorable weather conditions that have existed since the rain, and one correspondent expresses it: "The farmers feel as good as ever." Another adds: "Home gardens in the early crops of corn and tobacco are too far advanced in growth and have been too seriously damaged by the drought to greatly change the character of the year's produce." And another says that nothing like a full yield has been had. A large part of the crop, both corn and tobacco, in the sections so long subject to the dryness, dried so badly as to be beyond the reach of recovery, he says, and his prospects are now vastly more encouraging than at the time of our last bulletin.

Tobacco and hemp cutting is progressing and much will be harvested during the coming week. The cotton crop is showing well now, the ground being too dry.

It is said that a very large crop of turnips has been planted. Clover seed is not turning out nor is the small grain crop. A fair crop of oats has been raised. Oats, however, is said to be a small crop but of good quality.

The weather outlook for the state during the next forty-eight hours is for fair weather and growing warmth under the influence of a strong center in the Northwest.

The Frankfort Capital, which is smaller than THE LEDGER and contains much less reading matter, has advanced its subscription price to 75 cents a month. Now, don't you think THE LEDGER is too cheap at 25 cents?

THE INCOME TAX!

Something About the Old Tax, and the New One.

The new conglomerate creation of the Democratic Administration—the Free-trade-Tariff reform for revenue only—Wilson-Bill-Gorman-Brice's riddlebag—goes back to wartime emergencies and enacts an income tax measure.

The new law imposes a tax of 2% on all incomes in excess of \$4,000 a year—a feature that will not cause unrest on the part of the average Republican Editor at all.

In view of the new order of things THE LEDGER reviews former legislation of this sort.

The first income tax was passed by Congress July 1st, 1862, and took effect in the year 1863. It taxed all incomes over \$900 and under \$10,000 at the rate of three per cent, and on all over \$10,000 it levied a tax of five per cent. Owing to the late time of its taking effect, it brought into the Treasury but a small sum prior to the year 1864, when there was collected under the head of income tax a little over \$15,000,000. By the act of March 31, 1865, the income tax law was amended so as to increase the three per cent tax to five per cent, and the five per cent, or 2%, tax to ten per cent, having the effect of over \$5,000,000 income, the exemption of \$600 remaining the same. The most of the tax for the year 1865, however, was collected under a former law, and brought into the Treasury not less a sum than \$21,000,000 for the fiscal year 1864-65.

The following year, 1865-66, the war having ceased, and the country being in a high state of development in all its resources, the income tax rose to a point the highest ever reached in the history of the tax. The returns for the fiscal year ending June 30th, 1866, showed a total revenue from income tax of \$60,547,889.43. This was but little diminished in the following year, 1866-67, when the net revenue from the income tax footed up \$57,040,640.67. The income tax act was further amended by the law of March 21, 1867, so as to increase the rates, starting at \$600 up to \$1,000. At the same time all discrimination as to the taxation of large incomes a higher rate was abolished, and the tax fixed at five per cent. on all incomes in excess of \$1,000. The act also contained the limitation or proviso that the tax on incomes should be levied and collected until, and including, the year 1870, and no longer. Under this modified tax there was collected, in the year 1868, the large sum of \$32,027,610.78; in 1869, \$35,025,000; and in the fiscal year ending June 30th, 1870, \$27,115,016.11.

Than arose an agitation against the continuance of the tax, and in July, 1870, it was removed for one year only, the rate being reduced to 2½ per cent and the exemption increased to \$2,000.

In January, 1871, the repeal of the tax passed the Senate by a vote of 26 to 33, and on the 3d of March the House concurred.

The last taxes levied under the law were paid in 1871.

In 1890, when the tax was 5 per cent,

on all incomes in excess of \$1,000, the

following persons, resident in Maysville and Mayfield, paid the tax on the sums set before their names:

Anderson, C. B. \$2,585
Adams, M. F. 590
Barbour, J. F. 889
Ball, Thomas K. 301
Bart, C. 1,000
Brodrick, Joseph F. 35
Burgess, Asa H. 47
Bacon, T. L. 159
Baldwin, Charles 290
Bromley, Charles 491
Cox, George 3,495
Cox, H. 1,917
Collins, H. A. 18
Caldwell, David 440
Claybrook, James B. 688
Conrad, John 279
Downing, Darius 820
Downing, Charles 70
Dunnitt, Ezekiel 4,568
Dunnitt, John 722
Dury, D. D. 24
Forman, George L. 24
Fitzgerald, Mrs. N. 878
Fitzgerald, John 18
Finch, John 687
Fraze, David 53
Green, Thomas M. 745
Gill, William R. 516
Gray, Hamilton 185
Hord, S. G. 2,710
Horn, James H. 5,110
Hord, Abner, Jr. 1,913
Howe, W. 196
Johnson, A. M. 4,417
Johnson, B. W. 348
Lindsay, R. A. 184
Long, L. 988
Layton, Elijah 140
Lee, R. H. 109
Maddox, Alex 700
McCracken, Dr. W. H. 408
McCracken, Mrs. 192
Meany, R. F. 1,126
Morgan, Mrs. E. D. 413
Nelson, W. L. 697
Nelson, John A., adm'r 144
" " guardian 143
" " " 65
" " " 381
" " " 219
" " " 205
Newton, P. M. 298
Osborne, Charles 161
Owens, Frank S. 1,509
Owens, B. D. 274
Parson, C. 2,355
Patterson, C. 1,441
Pearce, Hiram T. 3,225
Pearce, C. Burgess 47
Pearce, J. Allen 38
Reed, George 55
Rees, Abel 8
Richardson, D. A. 2,688
Kaufler, Alex. 988
Ruth, H. 143
Ruth, Dr. E. W. 284
Shackford, John 1,824
Stansbury, H. 1,857
Sisson, Smith 343
Smith, James 111
Suiter, G. W. 547
Spillman, Rev. J. E. 333
Sutin, Louis 40
Stewart, D. R. 901
Stephens, John 183
Tarsor, John 470
Vartian, Joseph 290
Vanden, P. B. 100
Wadsworth, W. H. 2,255
Ward, Wm. Emery 230
Wormail, George 539
Wood, J. James 248
Willington, Joseph. 2,500
Wise, W. 688
Wood, Judson J. 71
Wall, Dr. A. H. 864
Walter, John M. 711

Under the new "war tax" measure it is barely possible that three or four persons may be found in Maysville county who are prosperous enough to be affected. It is estimated that at least 72 per cent. of the entire tax will be paid by New York alone.

The Hopkinsville Kentuckian seems to think that coming events cast their shadow before. It says: "Montgomery's official majority in the Fourth was 2,187, but those 6,000 votes cast against Alex. serve as a note of warning that his district is getting ready for a change."

Labor Day Excursion to Cincinnati.
On Monday, September 3d, the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway will sell round-trip tickets to Cincinnati at one fare for the round trip, good returning until September 4th, account of Labor Day celebration, which will be celebrated by parades in the different labor organizations, besides giving every one a chance to visit the Zoo, theaters and other amusements in Cincinnati.

THE BEST OF ALL!

GET THE "MAGIC CITY" ART PORTFOLIO NOW!

During THE LEDGER's distribution of the handsome Magic City Portfolios, many patrons did not, though neglect to save their coupons, get the complete set.

That all such may make up their sets, the missing numbers will be supplied to all persons presenting the following coupon and paying ten cents for each number wanted.

\$1.80.
On presentation of this coupon and a full set of the art in it, your name will be entered for a complete set of the magnificent "Magic City Portfolios," comprising 38 numbers. Those who have gotten only a part of the series can get a complete set by presenting this coupon and paying ten cents for each number.

This offer will continue for a short time only, in order that our patrons may secure this rare work of art, and we advise you not to miss it.

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J. DAVID DYE.

FOR SURVEYOR,
T. P. BULLOCK.

GROVER CLEVELAND, in a speech delivered in New York January 25th, 1890, declared "ours is not a destructive party."

In another speech, on September 26th, 1892, he asserted in his usual dogmatic style that "Tariff reform" could be accomplished "without disaster or demolition."

Let us see how these statements tally with the facts. It is two years since GROVER CLEVELAND made them, says The Irish World and American Industrial Liberator, and already the country has learned by bitter experience that the political organization for which he spoke is "a destructive party," and that the economic principles it expresses cannot be carried out "without disaster or demolition."

The record speaks for itself. The bank clearings for 1893, which indicate the volume of business fell off to the extent of ten billion dollars, as compared with those of 1892. Seventy-five railroad systems, representing one-sixth of the railroad mileage of the country, went into the hands of receivers in the first year of the Cleveland Administration. The gross receipts of 121 railroad systems declined more than eight million dollars, or 14 per cent. Five hundred and eighty-eight banks were compelled to close their doors. The number of business failures advanced to 16,650, an increase of 50 per cent. in one year. For six years preceding the second inauguration of CLEVELAND the aggregate liabilities in all failures did not rise much above \$200,000,000. In 1893 they exceeded \$331,000,000.

We do not know what meaning GROVER CLEVELAND attaches to the words, "destruction," "disaster" and "demolition."

In the figures we have given an ordinary person will see evidence in abundance of widespread disaster directly traceable to the triumph of the economic policy with which CLEVELAND's name is identified. Let us supplement these figures by others which still further emphasize the fact that the first year of the present Administration has been one of "disaster" and "demolition."

During that year the sales of textile goods fell off from \$70,347,882 to \$45,893,757, a decrease of 37 per cent. The following is the percentage of decrease of sales in other industries: Iron, 38 per cent.; furniture, 26 per cent.; shoes, 18 per cent.; hats, 191 per cent.; hardware, 19 per cent. This decrease, of course, means the loss of employment to thousands. Take, for instance, the Woolen industry. Twelve months after the Presidential candidate of the Free-Trade party had declared that "Tariff reform" would not injuriously affect the business of the

country, one-half the woolen mills in the land were shut, and those in operation were running on half-time.

Such are some of the fruits of the first twelve months of Clevelandism. What other disasters are in store for the country no one can tell. Never was the outlook gloomier than at the present moment. As we write, the greatest strike of our day and generation is on. The immediate cause of it is the greed of a millionaire who has made the hard times an excuse for cutting down wages, which, it will be noted in passing, did not advance during the flush times when the millionaire was piling up millions. Indirectly, however, the policy espoused by CLEVELAND and his party must be held responsible for the species of civil war that has prevailed for several days in Illinois and some other states. PUTNAM, with all his love of money, would never have thought of making a cut in wages if the prostrate condition of business had not furnished him an excuse for so doing. The loss of life, as well as the destruction of property, resulting from the strike must then be added to the sum total of the price the country has had to pay for CLEVELAND'S success in 1892.

WASHINGTON. President, Senators and Representatives Leave.

Secretary Carlisle Will Have His Hands Full for Some Time.

Numerous Requests for Rulings on Various Provisions of the New Tariff Bill—It is Thought Carlisle's Decision Concerning Admission of Goods is Wrong.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 30.—With the capitulation of congress, and with the president on his way to Buzzard's Bay, visiting Pythians are deprived of the two or three features of the show at Rock Island. Knights of Labor, who the day went through the halls of the senate and house looking in vain for the statesmen, but not more than a half dozen members were visible. These had a few moments of giving directions to whom their mail should be sent during the recess.

President Cleveland took with him a bad case of gout, as he limped perceptibly in walking from his carriage to the train. The crowds in the depot did not seem to notice him, but the secretary of state, Mr. T. C. Tracy, and the relay agent, who was with him, as there was no demonstration whatever.

Secretary Carlisle will have his hands full for at least a month interpreting various provisions of the new tariff bill. So numerous are the inquiries for rulings that no member of his staff by the actions division of the treasury department of doubtful schedules, and circulars will be issued from time to time constraining the law.

Receipts from customs will be heavy for a time from withdrawing the goods in bond, and the importers of foreign goods must soon show a large decrease, owing to the additional tax on whisky not withdrawn before the tariff act went into effect.

Old officials familiar with treasury figures are seriously concerned over the new tariff bill. They naturally argue that, with the tremendous stock of sugar brought in free during the long period of delay in the enactment of the Gorman tariff bill, no revenue from sugar can be expected for at least two years. The importers of sugar as it has been helated in transit. The same is true as to whisky, and it is felt that a serious blunder has been committed by the secretary of the treasury in declaring that wool in woven fabrics does not fall within the duty. This decision makes a present to the owners of wool in bond of nearly \$7,000,000 which the government needs sorely at this time, and will be still more in need of hereafter.

It is said by customs experts, who were present at the hearing, that in the criticism of their superiors, that there is no provision in the new tariff bill for the free admission of wool entered prior to the enactment to the present law, but as the benefits all go to the importers and the tariff is the sufferer, it is not believed that the legality of ruling will be tested in courts.

Gaines Played Wednesday.
Washington, Aug. 30.—New York, Cleaveland, Boston, Philadelphia, Brooklyn, Chicago, Pittsburgh, Louisville, &c., 100.

*Where game was played.

How They Stand.
Cuba... Won... Lost... Played... Pct.
Boston... 69... 36... 105... 66%
Baltimore... 67... 56... 103... 60%
Chicago... 65... 54... 100... 55%
Cleaveland... 55... 45... 103... 53%
St. Louis... 14... 11... 19... 13%
Brooklyn... 11... 10... 19... 10%
Pittsburgh... 61... 53... 104... 49%
Chicago... 48... 54... 106... 48%
St. Louis... 43... 43... 105... 43%
Washington... 56... 69... 105... 51%
Louisville... 32... 73... 105... 30%

WASHINGTON, Aug. 30.—There was another wholesale chopping off of heads at the government printing office Wednesday. Between 400 and 500 people were laid off. A fair proportion of those dismissed were from the office of the Postmaster General. Among the latter were Miss Nellie Shipman, C. G. Morrison and L. A. Winsor. The latter is a son of the mayor of Wapakoneta. A large number of those dismissed had democratic inclinations on file.

The terms of sale are either all cash or one-third cash and two-thirds payable from day of sale, as the purchaser may elect; the promissory note bearing 6 per cent. interest per annum, and by approved security. The lien reserved in the deed is to be subject to the payment of taxes and expenses of government upon so much of the distillery premises as may be covered by the Government survey.

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